

Charles Jones Love to Andrew Jackson, April 15, 1829, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL CHARLES J. LOVE TO JACKSON.

Mansfield, Tenn. , April 15, 1829.

Dear Sir, Mr. Steel will finish planting corn today except the new ground and commence the cotton to morrow, young Hutchins is very much in the way at the Hermitage, he rode one of the brood mares away the other day and got her eyes put out; I think she is called Dianna, a letter from you to him might be of service; Mr Steel is anxious he should leave the place unless it is your wish for him to stay there

Our friend Houston has separated from his wife;¹ and will resign tomorrow and leave the state Immediately for the Arkansas Territory to reside among the Indians. There is a hundred reports about the cause of separation; he gave her Father a certificate that she was virtuous. I lament his unfortunate situation most sincerely, his hopes for happiness in this world are blasted forever, his effigy was burned in Gallatin on Saturday night last; be so good as [to] make my best respects to your family and my friend Majr. Lewis

¹ Many stories circulated to account for Governor Houston's sudden separation from his recently espoused wife. The most probable is that, a few months after marriage, he discovered that she had rejected a less prominent man whom she loved, to make a more successful marriage with the governor of the state, and that he left her and his brilliant career so as to give her the opportunity to obtain a divorce and marry the man she loved. It is a matter of record that she married later and lived happily. Houston became very unpopular in Tennessee as a result of his action. He returned on a visit in 1830, and S.

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J. Hays, writing to Jackson, May 5, said: "Poor Houston is here and not well received. I understand there are resolutions by the people of Sumner County coming out against him in tomorrow's paper. He has informed me he will leave in the morning."